

**NATIONAL CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING
SELF-ASSESSMENT (NCMHCE)**

**OPTION
SUBSTITUTE NCMHCE PASS SCORE FOR 500 CLIENT CONTACT
HOURS (CCH) IN PHASE III**

PHASE III. A LAC OR LAMFT may acquire the required 1000 CCH hours in direct and indirect services with the minimum of 25 hours of supervision in the required ratio of one hour of supervision for each 40 hours of CCH. The indirect service hours may not exceed 300 CCH of the total 1000 CCH.

OR

The LAC OR LAMFT may choose to take the NCMHCE option:

The National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE) option is available to the Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) and the Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist (LAMFT) who petitions for the Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) or the Licensed Marriage and Family (LMFT) license upon completion of the required supervised Client Contact Hours (CCH) as a Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) or Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist (LAMFT).

(1) The LAC/LAMFT may petition the Board to take the NCMHCE with recommendation of the contracted supervisor upon the completion of Phase II. When approved, the applicant may apply to NBCC and take the NCMHCE. Test dates are the same as the dates established for the National Counseling Examination (NCE) and all examinations are administered by NBCC. The licensee is to send the test registration and test fee directly to NBCC. The passing score will be the national cut off score. A pass score on the NCMHCE will be equated to 500 Client Contact Hours (CCH) and applied to Phase III.

When the official passing score on the NCMHCE is received from NBCC, all supervised CCH are completed and documented, revised Statement of Intent and LPC/LAMFT license fee are received, the LAC or LAMFT license may be issued the LPC or LMFT license. Supervision may cease when the license is issued.

If the LAC or LAMFT has completed the NCMHCE option, has met the supervision and course requirements for the Arkansas Clinical Mental Health Counselor License, that specialization license may be issued.

NBCC will accept the scores on the Arkansas NCMHCE test date if the licensee applies for national certification with NBCC for the Clinical Mental Health Counselor specialization. The licensee will not have to repeat the examination if it is no more than five years old.

Test dates for the NCMHCE are the same as the dates established for the NCE. All examinations will be administered by NBCC. The candidate will send the test registration with the test fee directly to NBCC.